

THE WEATHER.

It's been a little treacherous. Too cold for some time for anything to grow much except onions and the bluegrass. Friday afternoon it began to snow and there was a light fall all night following. Old Sol melted it up early Saturday morning.

Jack Harrison, south of Benton City, has been seriously ill.

J. W. Plunkett has lettuce and radishes nearly ready for the table. But Jack Frost pinched 'em a little last week.

Mrs. John Kemp, south of Benton City, is in the Mexico Hospital for treatment.

Mr. C. O. Sterner and Miss Pearl Minor, both of Kayaville, were married in Mexico last week, at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Geo. Crosswhite, Rev. W. A. Shulenberger officiating.

J. Ed. Wilson and wife of Rowena came in Wednesday afternoon from Roswell, New Mexico, where they have been since last fall for the benefit of Mr. Wilson's health, says the Centralia Guard. Ed. is looking many years younger and his health is wonderfully improved. He says he made up his mind when he went out West that he was not going to let them bring him back in a baggage car, and he has a host of friends who will be glad to know that he fooled the doctors and got well.

Rev. G. E. Wharton of Scranton, Pa., is to be the new rector of the Episcopal church in Mexico.

The following Audrain county Republicans attended the State convention of Republicans at Excelsior Springs last week: Clarence A. Barnes, R. R. Buckner, and J. A. Gunnell, of Mexico; E. C. Kennen and Herman Christup, of Laddonia; Dr. J. C. Parrish, of Vandalia.

Virgil Alford, 10 months old, son of J. A. Powell of Humboldt, Kan., became very ill last week. The little fellow is the grandson of A. C. Powell of Mexico.

R. H. Lee has been appointed as Justice of the Peace for Linn township.

Prof. D. E. Tugel of the Vandalia schools, visited L. W. Roberts and family in Mexico Friday.

David McClure of St. Louis is here on a visit to his father, Clay McClure.

Wm. Greer of St. Louis visited his parents here last week, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Greer.

Mrs. Joseph McClelland, 55 years old, formerly of this city, a relative of J. B. Woolery, southwest of Mexico, died in Sandiego, Cal., last week. The body was shipped to Oklahoma City, her late home, for burial.

We see from the Benton (Ark.) Courier that J. S. Utley of that city has been nominated for State Senator from his district by a vote of 1,383 to his opponent 485. We congratulate Mr. Utley on his victory. He married Miss Vivian Williams, formerly of Laddonia, this county, later an employe on the Perry Enterprise. She is now local editor of the paper above referred to. Mrs. Utley is a cousin of the editor of the Mexico Message.

Fire damaged the home of Joe Moore, on North Wade street, Friday afternoon. Fire caught from a glue. C. B. Blakey had moved into the house only a few hours before. His goods suffered damage from water, thrown by the fire ladders.

Gladson Jenkins, nephew of Mrs. Edith Preston, in the wholesale fruit-business in Emporia, Kansas, stepped into Mexico Friday for a surprise visit to his relatives here. He was pleased with Mexico and its appearance of prosperity. He left for Kansas City, Sunday.

FREE TEXT BOOKS

THE LAW OFFERS IT.

Districts Get a Share of The Foreign Insurance Tax—Forty-Three Cents Per Child.

The Erlsman School District, north of Benton City, Liberty District, southeast of Mexico, and Fisher District, out toward Santa Fe, all in this County, took advantage of the new law allowing free text books to the children, up to the fourth grade, all three of these districts voting in favor of accepting this aid. It is a pro-rata part of the foreign insurance tax and will amount to about 43 cents per child.

The following towns in the county, under this law, would be apportioned the following sums: Martinsburg, 127 children, \$54.99.

Farber, 68 children, \$29.24.
Rush Hill, 38 children, \$16.45.
Mexico, 1553 children, \$672.45.
Benton City, 23 children, \$9.95.

FORMER MEXICO PREACHER.

At The Head of an Anti-Mob Movement "Way Down South in Dixie Land."

Birmingham, Ala., April 8.—An aggressive educational campaign against lynch law in the South is to be undertaken immediately by the new association of Southern church colleges.

This organization, composed of representatives of 18 Southern institutions of learning, was formed here last night with the election of officers, headed by Dr. C. M. Bishop of a Texas college, former pastor of the Mexico, Mo., Methodist church. It will have the moral support of 40 Southern educational institutions.

The avowed object of the institution will be to conduct a campaign against the spirit which prompts lynchings. A publicity bureau is to be established, speakers are to be sent out and the alumni of the various institutions are to be asked to do personal work.

Statistics were read at the meeting, which, it is said, showed that in the last 30 years there had been 4,000 lynchings, about 90 per cent of which occurred in the South.

STUART-KNOEBEL.

Mr. Harlie Stuart of Laddonia and Miss Grace Knoebel of Rush Hill were married in Mexico last week, Rev. A. A. Wallace officiating. Both have many friends who wish them long life and happiness.

LOGSDON-ROUSE.

Popular Young Couple Were Married Last Saturday.

Mr. James S. Logsdon, a popular and successful young business man of Sturgeon, and Miss Rena Rouse, the bright and accomplished daughter of Mr. J. W. Rouse of Mexico, were married Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Methodist parsonage here, Rev. S. W. Hayne officiating. The happy couple left for Columbia for a short visit.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Logsdon on their marriage and wish them long life, happiness and prosperity.

Charlie Edwards and wife and children and Mrs. Ethel Edwards and children, all from southeast of Laddonia, took the train in Mexico Saturday for Mussel Shell, Mont., where they will locate. They were accompanied by Mrs. Alice McDaniel, who will visit her son Roscoe McDaniel, who has been located at Mussel Shell for about a year. Mrs. Charlie Edwards is the daughter of M. E. Huffman, southeast of Laddonia, and Mrs. Ethel Edwards before her marriage was Miss Renice Harlinger. We hope that they may prosper in their new home.

Rev. W. A. Shulenberger will drive thru from Mexico in his Ford auto to Des Moines, Iowa, where the Shulenberger family moves this week and where Mr. Shulenberger becomes pastor of the Central Christian church.

Judge E. S. Gant is holding Circuit Court at Warrenton this week.

HIS LIFE THREATENED.

Baldrige of Centralia to Be Tried in Callaway County.

That the life of W. H. Baldrige, charged with the murder of Dr. J. Q. Cooper of Centralia, has been threatened since the killing, by people living in Boone county, and that the sentiment of the county is strongly prejudiced against him were arguments advanced by his attorneys in obtaining a change of venue for him before Judge David H. Harris Saturday in the Circuit Court, says the Columbia Statesman.

An application for bail was then filed. The bail which was set at \$5,000 to assure his appearance May 15th in the Circuit Court at Fulton, was furnished by R. H. Baldrige of Kansas City, brother of the defendant, and W. W. Jennings, a farmer living near Centralia. Baldrige left for Centralia soon after he was let out on bail. On granting the bail Judge Harris said that anyone might be admitted to bond unless the presumption of guilt was great.

FISHER SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Fisher School, near Santa Fe, Miss Ruth Cook, teacher, closed Friday. There was one graduate, Irvin Morgan, son of G. W. Morgan. Six pupils—Gladys and Annabess Crump, Irena Beamer, Leone Fisher and Thomas and Irwin Morgan—won prizes for not missing a day, nor tardys, for the full 8 months' term. The enrollment of pupils for the term was 16. Miss Cook will teach in the district again next winter. It will be her third term at Fisher. The district votes the highest limit for the support of the school, 65 cents on the one hundred dollars.

We should have stated above that Will Botts, son of J. Ashby Botts, won a fine medal for the highest grade for the term of school just closed.

Mrs. G. L. Montague, of near Laddonia, visited in Mexico Saturday. She was a pleasant caller at the Message office while here.

Miss Lena Ritter entertained a company of young friends in honor of Miss Ruth Rouse, who teaches at Thompson. This was Miss Rouse's last Sunday in Thompson as her school closes with a basket dinner Friday, April 14. Those present at Miss Ritter's were: Misses Dorothy Whiteside, Katie and Jennie Hoover, Lula Terrance, Norabelle Ferguson, Minnie Conklin, Florence Ritter, Mrs. Charles Lyman of Mexico and Ruth Rouse; Messrs. John Taylor, Ray and Roy Ritter.

John Lyons, colored, was arrested this week, charged with bootlegging. He is out on a \$500 bond to appear before the Circuit Court.

T. J. Bybee to Ida Allen, warranty, consid., \$2350; lots 5 and 6, block 4. Bates addition and lot 3, block 2. L. & B. south-side add to Mexico and part of se se of 23-51-9.

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T. L. Marshall, Ticket Agent.

MRS. J. O. TERRELL.

Member of Noted Audrain County Family.

Mrs. Otela Hughes Terrell, wife of Dr. J. O. Terrell of Vandalia, died at her home Friday after a lengthy illness. She was the daughter of the late D. W. Hughes, who was a noted inventor. The family at one time lived in Mexico and later at Laddonia.

Mrs. Terrell was devoted Christian and member of the Methodist Church. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Riggs. The husband and one son survive her. The latter, Edwin Terrell, has been studying medicine in St. Louis.

SOUTH SALT RIVER LETTER.

Quite an acreage of oats sown and more to be sown.

Indications good for a partial crop of peaches and lots of apples and small fruits.

Hogs still selling at Woodrow Wilson prices.

Miss Lee Bomar bought a pig for \$3.50 last spring. Fed it about 12 months, some grain but mostly slops. Sold it to Charles Powell of Mexico for over \$30.00.

John Staples of Mexico is doing a lot of painting and decorating for Watts Brothers.

Low Crum has contracted to feed a lot of beehives for Albert Harrison.

Alex Crews has one of his new barns finished.

Pete Crum is on the sick list.

M. L. Waters is yet confined to his bed of sickness. He has a trained nurse, John Britt, with him.

W. H. Kesler, Will Galvis, Everett and Bee Rickman are doing a lot of fencing and improvements on their farms.

Heck Franklin is kept busy road working and as head sawer at Watts Brothers' saw mill.

Two young babies in the neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crum's and Mr. and Mrs. Rule Stevens'. Lots of grown people and heads of families, but the babies are scarce.

Rev. H. B. Rice delivered two fine sermons at Union Chapel last Sunday week. The Sunday school was reorganized. Daniel Mundy, superintendent and Alexander Watts, assistant superintendent.

Well, we have waited until the big old time charivari was pulled off on the bride and groom, Mr. D. K. Crockett and Miss Eula E., the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kesler, at the home of the bride, eight miles southeast of Mexico, March 22. Only the Crockett, Kesler and grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Holland, Frank Crum and wife, J. L. Bomar and Louis Crum were present. The bride blushing looked her very best in blue satin. The groom wore the conventional black.

Ceremony by Rev. H. B. Rice. A fine supper was served, that the know so well how to prepare. A short short honeymoon was spent in Mexico among relatives. They are now snugly ensconced at the home of the groom near Beaver Dam. They are from two of Audrain's best families. May they ever be true and prosper.

There was an immense turnout at the annual school meeting in the Jackson district. J. L. Bomar served as chairman and Cal Walker as clerk. J. T. Dudley was elected director for the long term. Alexander Watts, short term. O. L. Walker, the hold-over. All are good men. We now look for schools and progress, as it used to be. The vote was unanimous against a consolidated district.

Miss Femanine Kesler visited her sisters, Mrs. Will Walker and Mrs. Thomas P. Brooks. Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Brooks accompanied her to her home Sunday week, at Mrs. J. P. Kesler's.

John Lochridge is recovering from an attack of erysipelas.

Fank Crum is putting out a young orchard.

Low Crum and Marion Kesler believe in observing all things in the season. Leap year is here and not to be forgotten by the fair sex. Both these young men are single and are patiently waiting for an opportunity.

ty. Their address is Mexico, Mo., P. F. D. No. 5.

J. M. Buckner and wife and son have moved to Mexico.

Dan Flynn is seriously ill of inflammatory rheumatism at the home of Neal Shahan.

At the shingling of Mrs. Melbie Bradley's house Mit Harrison failed as shingler, but he came across all right by showing the boys how he could consume three pecks of apples in one half day. Next.

Ben Dudley, Jr., is farming and batching with Jerry Staples.

BEYOND THE VAIL.

Lucy Elizabeth, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Torreyson, died her home, four miles north of Rush Hill, Wednesday, April 5, 1916.

This precious babe, the only girl of five children, came into this home as a benediction to the devoted parents and little brothers and was like a sunbeam, but was permitted to remain only 23 short months, but these were months of unalloyed happiness. She came forth like a flower and was cut down even before the flower came to bloom. It was but a beautiful bud of life but is now transplanted in the Garden of God, where it will come to flower and fruitage. It is hard. It is hard, indeed, to give up these precious ones but a comfort to know that they are not lost to us forever.

The funeral was conducted at the home by Eld. J. D. Greer and the frail little body laid to rest in the Laddonia cemetery. The family has the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement. We commend them to the promises of God's Word and append herewith a poem full of consolation:

"He knows the bitter, weary way,
The endless strivings day by day,
The hearts that weep, the souls that pray,
He knows it all.

He knows how hard the fight has been,
The clouds that come our souls between,
The wounds the world has never seen,
He knows it all.

He knows when faint and worn we sink,
How deep the pain, how near the brink,
Of dark despair we pause and shrink,
He knows it all.

He knows—O thought so full of bliss,
That while on earth our joys we miss,
We still can bear it, feeling this,
He knows it all."

YOWELL-ACUFF.

Mr. Roy E. Yowell and Miss Sallie Welma Acuff, both of Vandalia, were united in marriage in Mexico Sunday, Rev. S. W. Hayne officiating.

HICKMAN-GARRISON.

Mr. J. Clint Hickman of this city and Miss Clara E. Garrison of Pearl, Ill., were married here Saturday, Rev. R. L. Schwabe of Columbia officiating.

MASSEY-BYBEE.

Mr. Pearl Massey, the careful and efficient rural mail carrier on route 7 out of Mexico, and Miss Lillian Bybee, the loveable and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bybee of near Molino, were married Sunday, Rev. O. O. Green officiating.

Many friends extend the happy couple congratulations and best wishes.

MRS. MATTHEWS.

Mrs. E. F. Matthews, 76 years old, the mother of E. F. Matthews, Jr., formerly passenger ticket agent for the C. & A. in Mexico, died at her home in Bowling Green Friday. The burial was at Louisiana.

Little U.S. flags were sold in Mexico Saturday at 7 cents each, the money to go to Belgian war sufferers. About \$40 was raised here from these sales.

F. W. Isgrig and family of Laddonia have moved to Mexico, Mr. Isgrig has charge of Butler Guthrie's little 20 acre farm just west of town. Mr. Isgrig and his two interesting daughters, Misses Ethel and Daisy, called on the Message Monday.



TEXAS WONDER
This Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months' treatment and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for testimonials from this and other States. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2305 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.—Adv.

FLAGEOLETTE.

A noted Imported French Draft Stallion. Recorded.

Full pedigree furnished on application.

Color: Coal black.

Seventeen hands high and weighs 1,800 pounds.

TERMS: \$10 to insure living colt. Money due when mare is removed or parted with.

BLACKHAWK.

Black with white points. 15 1-2 hands high and weighs 900 pounds.

TERMS: \$10 to insure living colt. Money due when mare is removed or parted with.

The breeding of this stock is so well known that it needs no describing.

This stock will make the season of 1916 at the old home farm, 5 miles west of Laddonia and 3 1-2 miles northwest of Rush Hill.

LOUIS S. KOCH.

A LETTER FROM THE LONE STAR STATE.

Hedley, Texas, March 25.—Dear Friend Beal: You will find a check enclosed for the Message. My wife and I could not get along without the Message.

We had a windy March day today. Our winter has been a dry, mild one. There has been very much sickness. Everybody had the grippe. Jimmie had an attack of rheumatism, could not walk. But he is all O. K. again now. Nearly all the farmers are at their work. Some have planted corn. I have 60 acres broken for planting. We are all wishing for rain. The ground is plowing hard. Land is changing hand in this place some this winter, and the price is still advancing. A large crop of grain was raised last year. The cotton was ruined and calves dying, a ranchman told me that he had lost a total of \$800 head this winter. Some of my neighbors have lost heavily. I have lost four of my best ones, even after I had vaccinated. I don't think so much of vaccination any more.

I am sending you a picture of our native rabbits, shown in the picture as snow-bound, feeding on chaff and grain where the thresher is standing from its use last fall. I wish you might print this picture in your Message. It shows a sample of our big rabbits. They beat Phil Shire's bull frogs down on the Lea for size, and they don't make any squawking noise.

Our market on produce is better now. Eggs, 20 cents a dozen; butter, 25 cents a pound, hens, 13 1-2 cents a pound, and hogs and cattle too high to mention. Corn, 75 cents, cañir and maize about 75 cents per hundred. Donley county is not far behind Audrain in produce, is it? But I can say it is ahead in sunshine and dry roads and Ford automobiles. They are sure in demand. I have been running one since last August. We go to town in 10 minutes. No clay or mud to contend with. The more rain the better the roads are, and the dryer it gets the more dust we have. So you see every place has its faults.

I would like to have a word or two from from all of my friends in different parts of the world. I sure enjoy reading their letters occasionally found in the Message. Tell us about yourselves and about your country.

ALBERT W. WORSHAM.

J. J. Brigal, 66 years old, a bachelor, residing south of Benton City, near Veneta, died last week. The funeral was held in Mexico Saturday conducted by Rev. A. A. Wallace. Burial in Elmwood.